

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

STEFAN PHILIPP

PHD 99-100

Serial No.

Filed: Concurrently

ENCODING METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of the preceding Claims" to  
--Claim 1--.

REMARKS

The claims are amended to remove multiple dependency  
without change in scope.

Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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